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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 6 August 1980

Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting. []

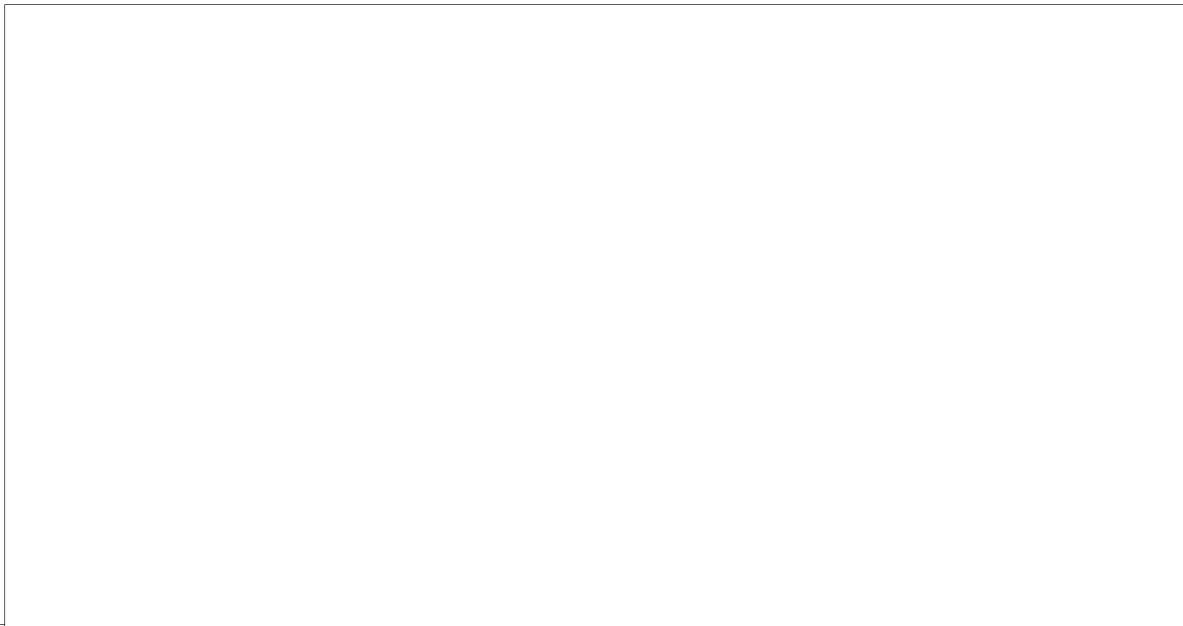
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McMahon reported briefly on the following:

--Iran military aircraft and available commercial aircraft are being flown to East Europe to pick up food stuffs.

--The Iranian military aircraft fleet is reportedly operating at about 20 percent readiness due mainly to insufficient maintenance; F-14s and related Phoenix missile systems are not operable.

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[] said his office is maintaining a daily watch of Agency on-duty strength levels, noting the effectiveness of O/PPPM's automated processing system. He said he would soon ask the DD's to prioritize EOD's in an effort to arrive at ceiling strength by the end of the fiscal year against current estimates of prospective retirements. He advised further that the problem is complicated by the possibility of Congressional action to deny the September cost-of-living increase for retirees; no action by Congress may result in a large number of retirements. Conversely, action by Congress could result in a year-end Agency strength above ceiling. Mr. Carlucci advised that O/PPPM err on the side of overstrength. Wortman noted an additional complication, i.e., the DDO is expected to be over ceiling by [] personnel at year end and this will have to be balanced by shortages in other directorates. []

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Hetu reported briefly on the following:

- OPA will brief SSCI spokesman Spencer Davis today re Interpress, a KGB front organization operating as a Third World news agency (see Staff Meeting Minutes of 4 August).
- Yesterday's fifth running of OPA's in-house press briefings continued to show strong interest by Agency employees.
- Hetu showed Mr. Carlucci a letter authored by Louis Wolf and associates to the New York Times challenging a recent Times editorial against Covert Action Information Bulletin activities. Hetu said similar letters were sent to the Washington Post and Washington Star.
- In response to Hetu's query, Mr. Carlucci said he phoned George Bush's advisor Jim Baker on Monday and is assured Bush will abide by his Agency secrecy agreement.



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Clarke said an Intelligence Memorandum is being prepared on Soviet CPX exercises in Transcaucus re Iran [redacted] he said the memo is needed to inform a limited number of key officials [redacted]. He added, re the continuing saga of terrorist activity in Nicaragua, that INR is preparing a paper which supports State's position in this matter. Mr. Carlucci said this could put us at odds with State, i.e., we could be labeled "obstructionists." Clarke said he will explain our position to Ambassador Spiers later today. [redacted]

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Wortman reported the following:

- Dr. Charles Bohrer, D/OMS will retire by the end of this month.
- Jack Blake is leaving his post as President of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers to take up full time employment (unknown).
- [redacted] has been reserved for the period 14-28 September for a series of retreats by the DCI and DD's--a "take stock" exercise re possible Administration transition; this stemmed from a recent DCI meeting with DD's. Mr. Carlucci said the timing would be problematical re Congressional actions in late September on budgets, etc., before recess--3 October to 12 November. He recommended the reservations be changed to early October. After brief discussion, it was agreed that DD preliminary discussions be held [redacted] during the late September period followed by fuller DCI/DD discussions in early October.

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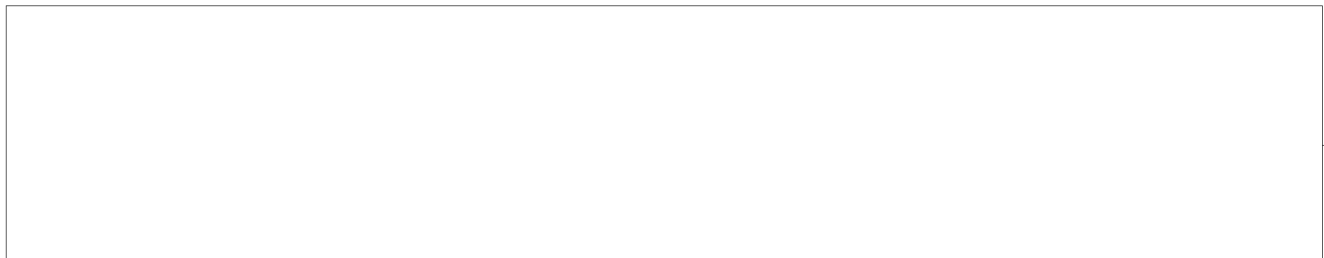
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--Wortman said the families of Embassy personnel are being returned to Monrovia--an encouraging sign.

--Wortman cited a Washington Post column by Mike Causey on 28 July that parking fee exceptions are being granted to the Defense Mapping Agency, for one, resulting from a survey which reveals lack of adequate public transportation. In discussions with officials elsewhere in Government, Wortman found that the real reason for this exemption is based on parking space values estimated below \$10 per space. He said on this basis he had hoped to gain exception for CIA before 1 October but is not optimistic.

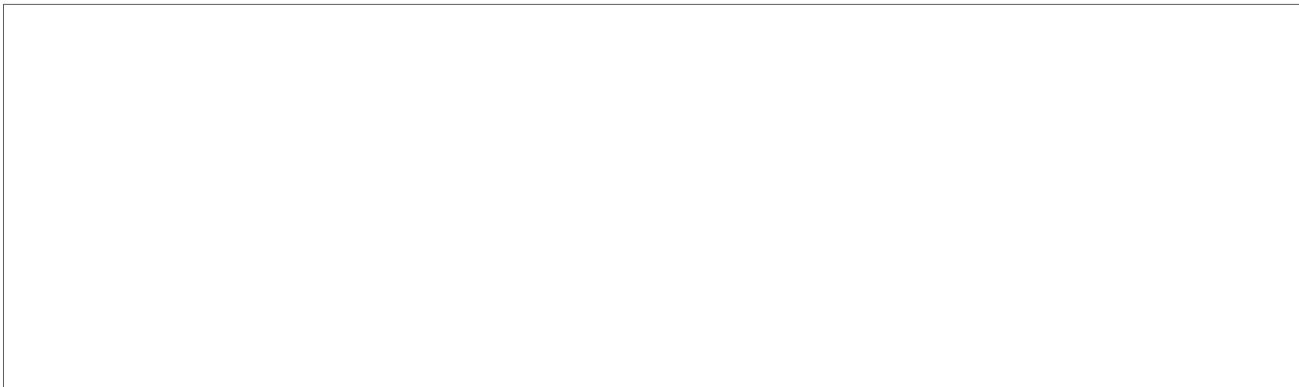


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Mr. Carlucci said he will be in Panama over the weekend to attend Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs Bowdler's meeting with Ambassadors and that, in his absence, McMahon will be in charge. He said he will return Monday afternoon.



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